

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	JAMES B. ZAGEL	Sitting Judge If Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	08 C 3052	DATE	JUL 31 2008
CASE TITLE	U.S. ex rel. Randy Walker (N-54451) v. Yolande Johnson		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Respondent is ordered to answer or otherwise plead to the petition within twenty days of the date this order is entered on the Clerk's docket. Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel [4] is denied as premature.

■ [For further details see text below.]

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STATEMENT

Petitioner is instructed to file all future papers concerning this action with the Clerk of Court in care of the Prisoner Correspondent. In addition, Petitioner must send an exact copy of any filing to Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Office of the Attorney General, 100 West Randolph Street, 12th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. The original paper filed with the Prisoner Correspondent must include a certificate of service stating to whom exact copies were sent and the date of mailing. Any paper that is sent directly to the judge or otherwise fails to comply with these instructions may be disregarded by the Court or returned to the Petitioner.

Respondent is ordered to answer or otherwise plead to the petition within twenty days of the date this order is entered on the Clerk's docket.

Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is denied at this time as premature. Counsel must be appointed in a habeas corpus proceeding only if an evidentiary hearing is needed or if the interests of justice so require. See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Whether the interests of justice require appointment of counsel in this case cannot be determined until after the Court has had an opportunity to review and consider Respondent's answer to the petition.

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